From the Principal

Term 1 has been an extremely busy and productive term. All the new school facilities are fully operational, including the music and therapy room, the redeveloped playground and, of course, the four new classrooms. This year the junior classes are based in the new buildings and the children are really enjoying the modern and spacious classrooms.

During the term we have welcomed a number of new students and families to the school and all the children have settled very well into class and school routines.

During Term 1 staff were involved in planning meetings with all families and caregivers and this involvement in the school is very much appreciated by staff. Families and caregivers are encouraged to contact the school at any time to discuss your child’s progress.

A number of important dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 21 May** - **Official Opening of the new school buildings and redeveloped playground.** The new buildings will be called the ‘Carolyn Woll Buildings’ in recognition of Mrs Woll, who was Principal at Anson Street School between 1977 and 1995. Mrs Woll was regarded as a leader in special education and recognised by her colleagues and community as an outstanding educator. The redeveloped oval will be called the ‘Lady Dorothy Cutler Oval’ in recognition of Lady Cutler’s enormous commitment in establishing a special education facility in Orange for children with special needs in the late 60’s.

- **Saturday 14 June** - **The Truckies & Tradies Ball** will be a major fundraising initiative for the school. The Ball will be held at the Orange Ex Services Club and tickets will be available from the school early in Term 2.

After 5 years at the school Mr Troy Williams (Class 3 Teacher) has accepted a transfer to The Canobolas Rural Technology High School. Mr Williams, a secondary trained teacher, is looking forward to his new appointment in the Support Class and TCRTHS will benefit from his commitment and expertise. We congratulate Mr Williams and acknowledge all the wonderful work that he has done over the past 5 years at Anson Street School and we look forward to seeing him from time to time as the two schools have very close links.

We also congratulate Ms Natalie Ryan who has worked at Anson Street School over the past 4 years as a Support Officer while she was undertaking her teacher training. Ms Ryan has been appointed as a teacher at Millthorpe Public School and will take up her appointment at the commencement of Term 2.

As you may be aware, a number of students have been working on the restoration project of a 1949 Austin truck. It has been a wonderful project and it is anticipated the fully restored truck will roll out of the school garage at the end of Term 2. If you are interested in having a look at the project to date please contact the school.

On your behalf, I would like to thank all the staff for the wonderful work in what has been a very busy term. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and committed team of teachers and support staff who constantly maximise every learning opportunity for the children.

Have a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Garry Brotherton

School Noticeboard

**Easter Family Fun Day**

Orange Big W will be holding an Easter Family Fun Day on Saturday 19 April. There will be an Easter Hat Parade starting at 10.30am, prizes for the 3 best Easter hats and all entrants will receive an Easter egg. There will also be a Micador Colouring Station with great prizes to be won.

The Easter Bunny will also be attending.
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